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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: VISIT TO JAPAN BY NMI LEGISLATORS

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1. MAIN EVENT OF APRIL 14-20 VISIT OF NMI LEGISLATORS LED BY SENATE PRESIDENT GUERRERO WERE MEETINGS WITH OHIRA (APRIL 18) AND NAKASONE (APRIL 19). ACCORDING TO MOFA, GROUP DID NOT MEET WITH ANY GOJ OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH MOFA 1ST NORTH AMERICA DIVISION POLOFF ATTENDED OHIRA MEETING AS INTERPRETER. IN READ-OUT TO EMBOFF, POLOFF SAID GUERRERO EXPLAINED TO OHIRA THAT HIS VISIT WAS PRIVATE, NOT OFFICIAL. HE SAID HE KNEW WAR CLAIMS WERE SENSITIVE ISSUE IN JAPAN, BUT THAT, AS MICRONESIAN LEADER, HE FELT OBLIGED TO RAISE SUBJECT. HE CALLED CLAIMS PAYMENTS FROM 1969 US-JAPAN AGREEMENT INSUFFICIENT, AND SAID WHILE THERE WERE NO PLANS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE FOR FORMAL CLAIMS DELEGATION TO TOKYO, ONE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ORGANIZED RELATIVELY SOON. GUERRERO CONCLUDED THAT HE HOPED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD "DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS" BETWEEN MICRONESIA AND JAPAN.

2. OHIRA SAID HE WAS AWARE GUERRERO CAME IN PRIVATE CAPACITY. HE SAID QUESTION OF WAR CLAIMS WAS SETTLED, NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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ONLY IN GOVERNMENT VIEW, BUT ALSO AS FAR AS DIET WAS CONCERNED. OHIRA ADDED THAT CLAIMS WAS PROBLEM FOR JAPANESE ADMINISTRATION, IN WHICH HE DID NOT PRESENTLY HOLD POST, BUT HE PROMISED TO CONVEY GUERRERO'S VIEWS TO GOVERNMENT. LASTLY, OHIRA SECONDED GUERRERO'S HOPE FOR FRIENDLY JAPAN-MICRONESIAN RELATIONS.

3. MOFA DID NOT KNOW DETAILS OF GUERRERO CALL ON NAKASONE.

LIKE OHIRA, NAKASONE HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY MOFA IN ADVANCE
ON WAR CLAIMS ISSUE AND IMPORTANCE OF NOT PROMISING ANY-
THING TO GUERRERO ON BEHALF OF GOJ.

4. IN VIEW OF PRIVATE AND INFORMAL NATURE OF GUERRERO TRIP
AS DESCRIBED TO DSLNO (REFTEL) AND FACT NO GOJ MEETINGS
WEREPLANNED, EMBASSY DID NOT INITIATE CONTACT WITH
GUERRERO. GUERRERO DID CALL AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE TO REQUEST
COURTESY CALL, BUT AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE DID NOT PERMIT IT
AND GUERRERO DID NOT ASK TO SEE ANYONE ELSE. MANSFIILD

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